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In compliance with their duty to disclose under 37 CFR §1.56(a), Applicant and his attorney herewith submit a Form PTO-1449, and request that the cited documents be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

All of the cited references were cited by the Applicants or the Examiner in connection with the prosecution of the parent application, no. 10/052,196 filed on January 18, 2002.

DE 2507601 A1 is provided in the Germany language without an English translation. This patent discloses a light guide having an angled tapered tip. See FIGs. 1 and 13 of the German document. The one sheet Cuda flyer is undated. However, the Applicant admits that it is prior art.

This application was filed after June 30, 2003. Thus, copies of cited U.S. patents and published applications are not required to be provided herewith and are not provided herewith. Copies of the foreign and other documents are provided.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited documents and to make the same of record in the file of the present application.

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